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July 23, 2002

VIA US MAIL, CERTIFIED
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
Immigration & Naturalization Service
Attn: Examinations Section
126 Northpoint Drive
Houston, Texas 77060

RE: RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INTENT TO DENY
JOHN-HENRY AYANBADEJO
A76 828 558

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your Notice of Intent to Deny letter dated June 26, 2002. Enclosed you will find the following in response therewith:

1 Ms. Ayanbadejo's sworn affidavit on her husband's behalf;
2 Documents relating to why Mr. Ayanbadejo temporarily relocated to New York;
3 Tax returns and other IRS related documents for the couple; and
4. Miscellaneous photographs and letters written by the couple to each other.

Please note that contrary to your assertion in your letter and according to the enclosed documents, the marriage between Mr. and Ms. Ayanbadejo was based on their love for one another and their desire to spend the remainder of their natural lives together as husband and wife.

Kindly continue processing Mr. Ayanbadejo's application in your usual and customary manner and forward all correspondence regarding same to our office.

If you have further questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me and/or our Legal Assistant, Grace Ekeke at 713.771.1331.

Sincerely,

WAOBIKEZE ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Ike N. A. Waobikeze, Esq.

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Enclosures

Cc: Client

AFFIDAVIT OF FELICIA D. AYANBADEJO IN SUPPORT OF A APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS FILED ON BEHALF OF MY HUSBAND JOHN-HENRY AYANBADEJO

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON §

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, personally appeared this 17th day of July 2002, FELICIA D, AYANBADEJO, a person known to me and, having-been duly sworn by me, stated under oath the following:

"My name is Felicia- D. Ayanbadejo and the purpose of this Affidavit is to respond to the Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS) Notice of Intent to Deny a Visa Petition that I filed on behalf of my husband JOHN-HENRY AYANBADEJO. I will begin with why we filed a second application.

1. In or about February 2001, my husband John-Henry made several inquiries on the status of his initial application for adjustment of status and despite the several inquiries made to the INS no response was forthcoming from the INS. On consultation with another Attorney we decided we could file another petition that will result in faster processing of the application, so that better job opportunities would be open to my husband.
2. In the initial stages of my marriage to my husband John-Henry, we had discussed our future plans and he had informed me that since he had a foreign law degree he would inquire whether he could sit for the Texas Bar exam so that he could practice as an attorney here in Texas. *As* 1 understand it my husband called the Texas Bar and" he was informed that he was not eligible to take the Texas Bar because he did not have up to five years of practice as an attorney in his home country or three years of practice as an attorney here in the United States.
3. In or about February of 1998, my husband insisted that he still desired to practice as an attorney here in Texas and had made inquiries to other states about the possibility of .sitting for their Bar examination,

New York and California gave a positive response arid he proceeded to try both state's exam. In *or* about June of 2000 he was sworn in as an attorney in New York State and shortly thereafter we had agreed that he could practice there for a while and later sit for the Texas Bar Exam. During the time he was in New York we had exchanged correspondence and he visited me *in* Texas whenever his finances and his job permitted because he had assisted me in the purchase of my new car by agreeing to the withdrawals from our joint bank account for emergencies and had also given me some money and gifts when he visited. Whenever he visited and arrived late in Texas he stayed overnight at his brother's place in Houston and proceeded to our home in Beaumont, Texas the next day. He had requested I visit him in New York and I had promised him that I would visit once I had overcome my fear of flying and fear of New York City with its high crime rate, but the events of September 11, 2001 was discouraging to me. Attached are evidence of the correspondence between my husband and I. Also attached are evidence of gifts he has purchased for me in the past, together with pictures I took of my husband at my previous apartment at 5550 Folsom Dr., Apt 112, Beaumont, Texas 77706.

4. We have always been supportive of each other both financially and emotionally and at present we had agreed that I pay on taxes my husband owes the IRS. We had owed the IRS in the past and my husband settled the matter with the IRS, Attached are copies of documents we presented to the IRS in settling matters with the agency and copies of cheeks issued to settle bills with the IRS. Also attached is a copy of a picture of me sent to my husband for him to insert in his wallet.
5. Our marriage was not entered into for immigration purposes, but was entered into because of the love and respect we had for each other. Although it has not always

been a bed of roses, we have managed to make it work for five years, longer than most marriages, despite the trials and tribulations. We are a young couple striving to achieve the American dream like others.

6. I do not now or ever wish to withdraw the visa petitions that I fried on behalf of my husband John-Henry Ayanbadejo on March 3, 1997 and on April 17, 2000.

I have read the foregoing affidavit and I do hereby declare that all statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FELICIA D. AYANBADEJO

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO under my hand and seal this 18 day of July 2002.

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS